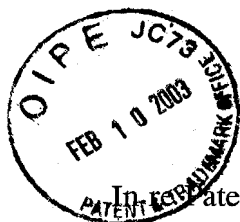


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Application No.: 09/673,300 ) Examiner: Juliet Einsmann  
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Filed: October 16, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5308  
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For: GENES ENCODING PROTEINS ) BOX AF  
HAVING ACTIVITY OF )  
TRANSFERRING SUGAR ONTO )  
AURONES )

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly delete claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 17-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace claims 2 and 13-16 as follows.

2. (Twice Amended) A gene encoding a protein that has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, and that has an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.

16. (Amended) A cut flower of the plant according to claim 15, or a progeny of said plant having the activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.